

Madison Area Lacrosse Association
ANNUAL and Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015
Madison Central Library

Board Members Present

John Welke, President/Sun Prairie
Steve Johnson, VP-Boys High School/Westside
Indy Stluka, VP-Girls HS/Westside
Chris O’Hearn, VP-Girls Youth/Sun Prairie
Colleen Flesher, Secretary/Stoughton
Dave Wollin, Treasurer

Not Present:

Mark Blume, Past President/Waunakee
James Schleck, VP-Boys Youth
(Open Position), VP-Sportsmanship/Sun Prairie
(Open Position), VP-Marketing & Communications

Other Attendees

Mark Luhring, Waunakee HS Boys
Jason Hoffman, DeForest HS Boys
Lea Barske, DeForest HS Girls
Steve Hunter, Memorial HS Boys
Jacques Joseph, Tomah HS Boys
Toni Wizner, Watertown
Jeremy Sullivan, Coord. Boys Youth Officials

Meeting commenced at 7:08 pm.
Introductions went around, as there were a lot of new faces.

September meeting minutes approved with MOTION from Steve, second by Indy. Unanimous approval.

Reports

Girls Youth

Unable to get a meeting scheduled to date. An invitation will go out this month.

Boys High School

Eastside volunteered to move into the Red Division. Tomah will be in the White Division. A schedule has been sent to the coaches. Steve reported there has been frustration with the off-season contact rule.

Girls High School

Still waiting to hear from teams. Currently has two schedules drafted while he waits to hear. Deforest is hoping to have a girls team for the 2016 season. They will let Indy know ASAP on their status.

Treasurer

No transactions in September. Currently have more than \$11,000 in the account. Dave requests that any 2015 requests for reimbursement be turned in to him by 12/1/15 so he can close the 2015 season out. Award plaques for the 2015 season have been ordered and were already in the budget. Williams Bay and Milwaukee have applied for 1st Stick grants; Dave would like to get grant information out to members.

New Watertown teams: Toni requested MALA to allow Watertown to have a Boys JV and Girls JV teams in the MALA league. A MOTION was made by Indy; second by Chris. Voted unanimously MOTION PASSED to allow the two new Watertown teams into MALA.

New Team Proposal: John introduced a draft Rule 11 change regarding new teams (see attached proposal). He would like board members to consider this change to begin next year.

HS boys vs U15 boys: U15 boys teams cannot include any high school players starting in the 2016 season. Tomah asked if 8th grade boys would be allowed to play on their new JV team; a waiver would have to be submitted to MALA for a vote.

Girls youth into three levels: Numbers do not justify three levels yet (U9, U13, U15). Chris will contact coaches to get a feel for the 2016 season. Only one team would currently be able to do three levels. WLF is also discussing this option.

Open position for Director of Marketing: Indy will reach out to a person of interest for this position and will discuss ideas for revamping it. A stipend is possible.

Open position for Sportsmanship Director: Alison Seltzner forwarded her resignation. Will need to recruit to fill.

WLF Liaison: President is currently liaison for MALA according to by-laws. John recommends revising (he is on WLF Board) so the MALA President can appoint the liaison. WLF meetings are Jan-Apr-Jun-Sept-Dec. This will be taken up at the next meeting. John is also looking for a volunteer.

MALA Calendar: John proposed having a MALA calendar that includes deadlines for waivers (field, etc), grants, nominations and more. He is asking each VP to focus on their level for dates and come collectively at the November meeting. Should dates for officiating be added?

WIAA Committee: WLF has formed a WIAA Committee to research if the lacrosse community is ready to go to WIAA. Will look to high schools and ADs for support. We need 26, then 52 teams in the high schools. Need to look into what happens to Club teams if that happens.

Next Meeting

December 1, 2015, 7:00 pm, Madison Central Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

MALA Supplemental Rule Change-Rule 11: New Teams

10/6/2015

Change Rule 11 from:

Rule 11: New Teams (Adopted 4/6/11)

At its option, a new team may play at the junior varsity level for up to two years, provided that the team has only enough players to field one team. Starting in year 3, if the team has enough players to field two teams, one must play at the varsity level and one at the junior varsity level.

To:

Rule 11: New Teams-High School Teams

11.1 Beginning in the 2017 season, in order to be included in the regular season scheduling process, new teams must apply to MALA by July 1 of the year prior to conference play. (i.e. teams that apply by July 1, 2016 will be included in the 2017 MALA Conference schedule)

(MALA Drafting Note: Teams that miss the July 1st deadline can play MALA teams as "non-conference" games and the new team is responsible for scheduling these games)

11.2 At its option, a new high school team may play at the junior varsity level for up to two years, provided that the team has only enough players to field one team. Starting in year 3, if the team has enough players to field two teams, one must play at the varsity level and one at the junior varsity level.

Informational-WLF Supplemental Rule 6.3 below:

6.3 New Teams. At its option, a new high school team or co-op team may play at the junior varsity level for up to two years, provided that the team has only enough players to field one team. If the team has enough players to field two teams, one must play at the varsity level and one at the junior varsity level.